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Class of '49 Creates Fitts Memorial

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Mr. Moody Takes Over Frosh and Sophomore English

Sophomore English

This fall we have with us at MBA James William Moody who is teaching freshman and sophomore English. He replaces Paul Hood who has gone back to Peahody College for post graduate work.

Mr. Moody, a Yankee no less, was born in Oak Park, Illinois on July 20, 1920. In 1934 he entered Oak Park High School and graduated in 1932. From there he entered Lawrence College in Appleton, Wis, but transferred and was graduated from the University of the South in Sewance in 1942. Here he took part in many sports of which his, favorite was avimming. He served in the U. S. Navy for four years and was stationed at Pearl Harbor during this period. He returned to the University of the South in 1946 to do post graduate work in the field of English.

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As a permanent tribute to Henry Fitts the MBA graduating class of 1949 has established the Henry A. Fitts Award to be given annually at commencement for outstanding achievement in the field of journal-ism. The initial presentation will be made at the 1950 commence-ment exercises. ment exercises.

This award is to be financed by the interest from a fund made possible by substantial contributions from every member of last year's graduating class. As a goal for MBA boys the Henry A. Fitts plaque will Join such other rewards for excellency as the Thomas H. Malone Award, the Howard Allen Award, and the Martin Award.

ALAN COOPER



Dr. R. L. Sager To the educator, a degree

Mr. Sager Receives Litt.D. Degree From

Hampden-Sydney
On June 7, 1949, Mr. R. L. Sager
was awarded the honorary degree
of Doctor of Literature by his alma
mater, Hampden-Sydney College
of Virginia.

Virginia Lawyer Unravels Secret Of "Tatomoi"

OCTOBER 21, 1949

M. B. A. Welcomes 56 New Maroons

"Camp won't seem right without him . . . "

On Monday morning, July 18th, death came to Henry Fitts.

To some it was only a newspaper announcement; but to those many who know him there was more than the average loss attached, because Henry was more than the average boy, more than the speaker of monosyllables whose total future is the coming week-end. No matter where you met him—on the paper staff (as it was with me), on the football team, as a fraternity brother, or just around MBA—he always impressed you that way, as having that spark, that desire, that determination, that imagination from which great men stem. He impressed you as the type about whom some day you could say, "I knew him when."

He was a boy who had his burning interests and likes; and when he liked a thing he did it, and did it well. He played Microbe football in 1944, Junior Varsity in 45 and 46, Varsity, 47 and 48. To the potential journalists last; year, he was the live-wire, on-the-ball editor, pleading for the material to come in, struggling against the deadline. His writing won him the Thomas H. Malone Jr. prize, which he received with the Commercial Law and Economics Medal for merit at commencement last June.

In his church he was a leader—president of the Acolytes Guild, outstanding in the Young Peoples Service League; and in the Boy Scouts, his real love, he has carved an eternal place. From a raw Tender Foot in 1943 he became a Life Scout, 1944, Eagle Scout, 1954, and finally in 1946, member of the honorary Order of the Arrow. A lodge, planned by the Order and dedicated to Henry, is being made possible through the Henry Fitts Memorial Fund.

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BUSINESS

Spirit a la MBA

"School spirit" is the phrase usually tacked to the yelling a student body does, to its loyalty, to its enthusiasm, and other marks of emotion. It is the phrase and they are the actions usually tacked—but somehow at MBA these terms look rather sick beside the things they modify.

For MBA is not a 1939 product built to accommodate an overflow of kids, and its spirit is not a weekly rah-rah for a so-so ball club. It is one hundred and forty-three years of deep-seated tradition. It is two hundred throats trying to deep-seated tradition. It is two hundred throats trying to scream the Ryan gym down as Big Red edges East in the Eighth District tourney; it's a deafening roar when Coach announces in study hall that Cohn's "city champions" have condescended to play us in a post-season game; it's grabbing a win out of the bleachers to climax an unbeaten fiftieth year of football; it's Robbie Worrall and Bennie Gentry, Buddie Hewitt and Al Whitson, Jack Sparks and Bill Wade; it's guts and determination and unbasers towns when ethers expects and determination and unbeaten teams when other schools were vacant lots or mud flats. To say MBA has "school spirit" is to say the Cadillac is a passable car or the New York Yankees is a fair ball club. There's an incomparable, untouchable "MBA spirit" greater than all the "school spirits" combined.

Recently there has been a trend on the part of both stu-Recently there has been a trend on the part of both students and faculty to disregard that spirit, to forget one humdred and forty-three years. You can't occasionally put a student body in the grandstand during the latter half of lunch period, say "Boys, you have ten minutes—get excited!" and expect remarkable results. It doesn't work that way. Spirit is spontaneous, not artificial. If treated like a water fountain which turns on and off at will, that spirit will eventually respond like several of the fountains around school—it won't even turn on at all even turn on at all.

Ontinued from Page 1, Column 4) awarded a degree of Doctor of Laws, had been taught some years ago by Mr. Sager at the McCallie School. And, thirdly, by a very strange concidence, one of Mr. Sager's classmates attending the reunion knew about "Totomoi".

BOTTOM

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Class News

Junior School News

Freshman News

Freshman News

The Freshman class is larger than usual, hence more talent, the control of the co

Sophomore News

The Sophomore Alexa asked to contribute to the H.C.F.S.L. (Hair Cut for Shabby Lance). Collection to be taken Monday. In the Collection to be taken Monday. In the Collection to be taken Monday. The Collection to be taken most fain the even had sitting on the bench. Promoter "Mick" Dunn has set date for the Chicoma-Metcalf fight. Consult "Parlay" cards for Death toll rises as Powell becomes proud owner of a new car. He plans to learn to drive next year.

year. On the football field it's the fa-on the football field it's the fa-mous combination of Hawkins to Coble, but in the English class it's Moody to DuPlantier, and we don't mean forward passes. "DuPlantier—Two!"

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Duncan seen enjoying a dish of Kay's Ice Cream.

Ray's Ice Cream.

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Junior News

Junior News

Harmony reigns in the classrooms. All anyone wants to know,
though, is who will hit first. Some
of the teachers and their favorites
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and Alan "I'm a member of the
Key Club" Cooper, Mr. Wise and
Jimmy Cherry.

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D. C. and A. C.).

Everyone is sure glad to have
Tim Sharpe with us this year. He
hails from Colorado and is making

himself quite a record with the school AND THE GIRLS!

Senior News

Happy new year! The Senior class is back again, begging for more. Mrs. B starts things off with a bang by handing out English quizzes along with the book lists. Madden makes plus grade, goes on an ovaltine binge to cele-

guessed it—Caprain Hautics.

First lab day in physics arrives.

Wills comes out of teet tube; 'Fees'
Hackman loses valuable time trying to get him back in. Sereams
Brent, "Catch him quick! He's
changing color."

Pearson, Oman, Gibbs, and Coble
went to Atlanta for the Tech game.

They met Lee Lance, Worrall, and
T. Nelson there and spent all day
looking for Searlet O'Hara. Gibbs
looking for Searlet O'Hara. Gibbs
and the bartender spilled beer on
him four times.

M.B.A. WELCOMES

(Continued from Page 1, Column 5) and will probably go far in helping themselves and MBA during the coming year. Good luck to all of you and WELCOME!

Know MBA—The last city championship baseball team MBA had was the '30 squad. After that season baseball was discontinued until 1944. Coach Allen played on the 1936 team.

Graduate: "I am indebted to you for all I know."

Professor: "Oh, don't mention such a trifle."

Doctor: "Exercise will kill all Patient: That may be but how do I get the germs to exercise?

Pat: "Did you see that girl grin at me?"
Mat: "It's a wonder she didn't laugh."

Joe: "Listen you, I'm a tough guy. I'm a boxer. I box guys and lay 'em out."

Mise: "Yeah? Well, I'm an undertaker. I lay 'em out and then box 'em.'

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by John Adams

rnere have been quite a few im-provements and additions made in the last few years. The most re-cent is, of course, the water foun-tain that was put in by the class of '49.

Know MBA—Since the interscholastic league was organized MBA football teams have won the championship three times. The only other school to accomplish this is Cohn; however, one of the years Cohn was declared champion, the Maroon team humbled them 27-13.



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Scoring touchdown: M.B.A.—Ray, Hawkins (2). Hopkinsville— (Continued from Page 3, Column 3)

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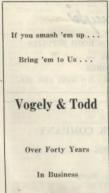
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Personality of the Month



Robert McNeilly

Robert McNeilly

To start the new year off with a bang we have selected one of the most outstanding boys at the Academy as personality of the month—Robert McNeilly. "Fat Mac" is easily recognized by his friendly smile and keen sense of humor. As to his physical appearance it is nothing out of the ordinary—except for his haircuts, a little unusual, to say the least.

Coming from Parmer school Mac.

ended.
A few of Robert's likes and dis-kes follow:
Favorite subject: English.
Hardest subject: English.
Easlest subject: History.
Favorite sport: Football.
Favorite food: Steak and french-ries.

fries.

Most disliked food: Parsnips.
Favorite actress: June Allyson
(Wait till Hawkins hears this).

(Continued on Page 4, Column 1)
Extras: Edwards (2),
Bubs: M.B.A.—Horn, Gibbs,
Brooks, Wills, Blackwood, Gates,
Brooks, Wills, Blackwood, Gates,
Wills—Gerhart, Mabry, Groves,
Adams, Long, Brockman, Laneaster, Thompson, Nichols.

YARDSTICK

		Hopkin	
		MBA	ville
First I		_ 13	5
Yards	Rushing	_320	151
Yards	Passing	_ 40	0
Passes	Attempted	_ 4	2
Passes	Completed	_ 2	0

PARMER

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(Continued from Page 3, Column 2)
Late in the fourth quarter Jack
Standifer of MBA intercepted a
Parmer pass deep in his own territory and raced back sixty-five
from the the opposing goal. Befrom the page of the page of the page
ever, time robes could score however, time from out, but they
had shown promise in gaining their
first win of the season.

ALUMNI NEWS

By Gilbert Templeton

MBA	Pos.	TIS
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Hawkins _		Birdwel
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MaddenFBKeller
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Cate, Blackwood, Smith, Wills,
Brooks, C. McDaniel. TIS-Pin-
ner, Collns, Kyle, Frost, Williams,
Brewster, Fawbush, Wm. Strick-
land Winkows Chrom Chulch

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